

Amendment to the Specification

Please insert the following substitute paragraph at the indicated location in the Specification.

[0036] FLJ20174 is expressed in human tissue in two isoforms. One isoform is designated herein as the "wild-type" form and, while not bound to theory, is believed to correspond to the GenBank accession number NM_017699 nucleic acid sequence (SEQ ID NO:3) and GenBank accession number NP_060169 amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO:5). The second isoform is designated herein as the "splice-variant" and, not to be bound by theory, is believed to be an mRNA corresponding to the FLJ20174 gene sequence, except that the mRNA transcript is missing predicted exon 15 of the NM_017699 sequence. Due to a frame shift, the loss of the exon sequence in the transcript results in a truncated polypeptide. Both isoform sequences further show homology to GenBank accession numbers AC112128 and AC055740.